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Group Art Unit : 2851

Appl. No. : 10/646,735

Examiner : David M. GRAY

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For : LENS BARREL INCORPORATING THE
ADVANCING/RETRACTING MECHANISM

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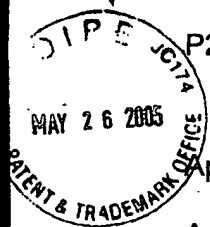
Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of an English language translation of an Office Action from the German Patent Office that was mailed on October 20, 2004 with respect to German Patent Application No. DE 103 52 969.1, which is a family member of commonly assigned (and duly cited) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0156832, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 598 703, together with
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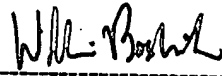
Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$180.00 that was charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0089 on February 3, 2005, in connection with the filing of the Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on January 18, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,
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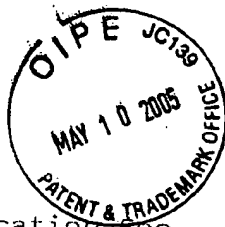
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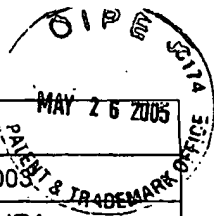
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously Filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Request for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed.
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